

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Hiroaki ITO *et al.*  
Title: A PREVENTIVE OR THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR  
INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE COMPRISING IL-6  
ANTAGONIST AS AN ACTIVE INGREDIENT  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir/Madam:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 22, 2009, concerning the above-referenced patent application. A Declaration of Biological Deposit, Exhibits A-D, a request for a two month extension of time, and the required fees accompany this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: